

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting on line 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

--In the assembled state, external retention spring 3 in contact segment 6 is positioned in such a manner, that it is supported by fixing elements 11 in the region of center segment 5. The spatial dimensions of external retention spring 3 are such that, in the unassembled state, contact lamellae 7 may move freely inside external retention spring 3. The free ends of the contact lamellae 7 rest on support elements 13 (shown in Figure 1 in ghost lines), which are designed to be a part of the external retention spring 3.--

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2. This sheet, which includes Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2. The free spaces have been labeled 8 and a highly schematic box, labeled reference character 13, has been added to Figure 1 to designate the support element. Further, the numbering "R. 302440" in the upper right hand corner of the drawing has been deleted. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet